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STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission

In the Matter of:) Docket No. 99-AFC-3
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Application for Certification for the) Motion of reconsideration of
Metcalf Energy Center [Calpine) a workshop on MEC alternative fuel
Corporation and Bechtel Enterprises, Inc.]) sources to natural gas

CARE moves for reconsideration of our call for a workshop to investigate the impacts of recent activities in the market place on natural gas availability, and its relationship to the Metcalf Energy Center. The MEC FSA continues to state, "The Metcalf Energy Center will burn only natural gas, with no provisions for an alternative backup fuel."

In CARE's 9-22-00 Motion to call a workshop on MEC alternative fuel sources to natural gas, it concludes,

"CARE contends that recent activities in the market place for natural gas point to reduced supplies, increased demand, and little evidence of the development of any new major domestic sources, and this points to the need to develop alternative fuel sources for the MEC and identify the associated environmental and socioeconomic impacts of these alternative fuels. CARE is aware that Calpine/Bechtel has listed the alternative fuel source for their Sutter Power Project as <u>Coal</u> in the Federal Register."

In CARE's 9-22-00 Motion a recent GeoInvestor.com report titled Electric Bills to Rise Policy Errors Push Natural Gas Prices Higher and Supplies Lower, by William P. Kucewicz, was cited for evidence (taken off the internet). In CARE's participation in the Delta Energy Center (98-AFC-3) we were informed that information taken off the internet would not be given the same weight and consideration as evidence as would be given written evidence provide directly by the expert. Based on this line of reasoning (which CARE believes places an undue burden on public participation) we submit the attached letter in PDF format from William P. Kucewicz declaring his willingness to provide such testimony (see GeoInvestor.pdf), and a copy of the cited report provided by the author (see GeoInvestoronPolicyError.pdf). In addition CARE provides further evidence in the form of written form from Dr. Weinstein of the University of Northern Texas (see DrWeinsteinOnGas.pdf).

For the reasons enumerated above, CARE requests the CEC reconsider holding a workshop on the long-term reliability of natural gas as a fuel source for the MEC. CARE wishes this workshop to address the need for, and impacts of, alternative fuel sources to natural gas.

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